

THE CARAVANSARY.

I keep a caravansary.
And, be it night or day,
I entertain such travelers
As chance to come my way:
Hafiz, or Sidi,
Who, singing songs divine,
Discovered heaven in taverns
And holiness in wine.
Or Antar and his Arabs,
From burning sands afar,
So faint in love's sweet trance,
So resolute in war!
The Brahman from the Ganges,
The Tartar, Turcoman—
Savage borders, with spears and swords,
Who rode with Genghis Khan!
Or mummies from old Egypt,
With priestly, kingly tread,
Who, in their ecclesiastical mutter
The ritual of the dead!
Who keeps a caravansary
Knows neither friend nor foe;
His doors stand wide on every side
For all to come and go.
The Koran, or the Bible,
Or Yeda—which is best?
The wise host asks no questions
But entertains his guests!
—R. H. Stoddard in Atlantic.

GARRY, THE COLLIE.

"Yes, sir, I am an old man now, and rather feeble on my pins, but I can remember when a 20 mile walk, 10 mile out and 10 mile home, was nothing to me."

"You see, I was a country postman, and used to take the letters from a small town to a village lying 10 mile out every morning. Aye, sir I've done a tidy bit of walking in my time if it was all reckoned up. Thirty-five years a postman at 20 miles a day."

"You have indeed," I replied, "and I should think you must have met with many adventures during your long, lonely walks in a service which has extended over so many years."

"Only one adventure or mishap, perhaps I should say," the old man replied; "and if it had not been for a very dear friend, long since dead, these old eyes of mine would never have seen this day. Martha!" he shouted, at the same time knocking with the stick on the stone flags of the little cottage porch where we were seated.

The summons was answered by a young woman who came from the kitchen, wiping her wet hands on a coarse brown apron.

"What do you want, father?" she asked pleasantly.

"Just fetch Garry's likeness, my lass, and have a care with it. I wouldn't have it broken for the world."

Martha went away, but soon returned with a small photograph on glass and placed it carefully in the old man's hand. "That, sir, is the picture of the dear friend who saved my life," he said, passing it to me.

I was not a little surprised to find that the dear friend was a large black and tan collie dog. My curiosity being aroused, I begged the old man to tell me the story, and here it is:

"When I had been about 20 years in the postal service," began the old man in his quavering voice, "a farmer one day made me a present of a collie pup of a pure breed. I named him Garry. As he grew up I taught him almost everything a dog could learn. He got so that he could just understand what was said as well as any Christian."

"When he was old enough, I took him with me on my journeys, and very soon he got so used to it that he really seemed to think it was as much his duty as mine, and when I let him carry the satchel there was no prouder dog in all England."

"I had to be up very early in the mornings, get my letters as soon as they were sorted, and be at my destination by 9:30, where I delivered them to the postmaster in the village, who kept a grocer's shop and postoffice combined."

"It was pleasant enough in the summer months, but during the winter it was a cold, dreary walk—dangerous, too, in the dark mornings to any one not used to the path, as one part of it ran along the edge of a deserted stone quarry, over which the unwary traveler might easily step if he missed the beaten track."

"But as Garry and I knew every foot of the way, I never felt the least misgiving, no matter how dark the morning, except when there had been a heavy fall of snow, and then I trusted to the dog, who would walk on ahead. By following his footsteps I found that I never lost the path."

"One dark December morning, the snow lying thick upon the ground and a cold north wind blowing, I started on my usual journey in company with my faithful friend."

"Though muffled up in greatcoat and comforter, the wind seemed to pierce through all my clothing, and the hair about my face was soon stiff with ice."

"We shall have a rough time of it, old fellow," I said to Garry, whose only answer was a short bark and a roll in the snow. Then, shaking his coat, he settled down to his business as a guide, going a few steps in advance of me."

"The exertion of tramping through the snow soon set the blood tingling through my veins, and on I went, feeling as warm and comfortable as circumstances would allow."

"After an hour's hard walking, we came to the old quarry, Garry, as usual, taking the lead."

"The snow was almost knee deep here, making it hard work for me, and harder still for poor Garry."

"But we plodded on, and at last came to the stump of an old tree, by which I knew that we were past the dangerous part of our journey."

"The snow was not nearly so deep as we got farther on, which made it much better walking; but before we had done another mile large flakes began to fall thick and fast."

"Knowing the danger of being caught in a snowstorm in that neighborhood, I increased my pace and pushed on with all possible speed."

"In descending a steep incline I lost

my footing and fell heavily, with my right leg twisted under me."

"Garry was by my side in an instant, and I tried to rise, but there was something the matter with my leg, and I fell back sick and faint with pain. I tried again and again, but every time I made the attempt I suffered dreadful torture. Plainly the limb was broken. What was I to do?"

"I was lying there perfectly helpless, and a snowstorm was coming on."

"There was little chance of anybody passing that way unless I was missed and a search made. But I might die before then."

"The postmaster at the village to which I was bound would think the road was blocked and that I had not attempted the journey if I did not turn up at the usual time, and, on the other hand, my wife would think I had got safely to my destination and was waiting there until I could make the return journey in safety. What should I do?"

"Looking helplessly round for something that might suggest a means of deliverance, my eyes met those of my faithful dog, who sat in the snow, looking into my face and whining piteously."

"Suddenly it occurred to me that if I could send the dog on to the village he might bring help. But he had never yet gone alone, and I was afraid that he would not leave me."

"So it appeared, for, in spite of coaxing and threats, he steadily refused to budge from my side."

"As a last resource I took off my satchel, and, strapping it firmly on his back, said: 'Garry, take that to the post-office. Go on, boy!'"

"Wagging his tail and barking as much as to say, 'Now I understand,' he darted off through the snow, leaving me alone, with a deadly faintness creeping over me and a fear at my heart that I should be found dead."

"The snow fell thicker and faster, gradually burying me."

"For a time I suffered dreadfully from my broken leg and the intense cold, but after awhile a sensation of numbness came over me, and I felt a strong desire to go to sleep. I battled against this feeling with all my energies, knowing how dangerous such a sleep is, but at last I yielded, and knew no more."

"When I regained consciousness, I was in a warm bed, the postmaster's wife was holding some beef tea to my lips, while Garry sat by the bedside."

"By the doctor's aid and the kind treatment I received I was soon on the way to recovery, and then I heard the particulars of my rescue."

"It seems that Garry, after leaving me, made the best of his way to the village, and presented himself in the postmaster's little shop about 10 o'clock, seemingly almost exhausted, with the satchel entangled about his legs in such a manner as to cause wonder as to how he got through the snow at all."

"As you may imagine, the appearance of the dog filled the mind of the postmaster with alarm. But that was not enough for Garry. As soon as he was relieved from the satchel he rushed into the street, barking violently, as if he would say, 'Follow me!'"

"The postmaster at last understood it. The alarm was given, and a dozen stout fellows, provided with a hurdle and restoratives, set out upon the search, guided by the faithful dog."

"They found me, sir, and you know the rest. But they might never have found me if it had not been for Garry."

"There was six inches of snow over me when he led them to the spot, and began to scratch at the snow and whine piteously, as if to say, 'He is here.'"

"Garry and I had many a journey over the same road after that, and when he grew old and feeble and no longer able to walk so far he would stand at the cottage door and watch me off, and when I came back was always first to give me a welcome."

"He has been dead for many years now, and I haven't very long to live, but as long as I have my memory Garry will never be forgotten."

Thanking the old man for his story, I walked back to my quarters at the little village inn, thinking the while of what a noble example poor Garry was of perseverance, obedience and love.—Chat-terbox

Good When Genuine.
The slim, blue eyed young man who teaches school had been reading the comic periodicals and waxed apprehensive.

"I'm really afraid," he said, "that this new woman idea is going to cut more of a figure than we think it is."

"What makes you afraid?" inquired the old gentleman with rugged features and kindly eyes.

"Why, there are getting to be so many new women, you know."

"And I'm glad to see it. I go to every high school and seminary commencement. Those are the places to see the new woman in her perfection. She is unfamiliar with all but the poetry of life, and she sees things with the eyes of the idealist. She believes in the best and thinks that everybody else is going to help her hustle this world right along into the millennium before it knows what has happened. Young man, don't you be worried about her. It isn't the new woman—the genuinely new woman who is likely to raise a disturbance. It's the old woman who is trying to be fresh."—Detroit Free Press.

Followed Nature's Law.
"That was a curious case of Kadger's. He married the eldest daughter of the Bingle family, outlived her, married the next eldest, outlived her also and then married the youngest."

"Why didn't he begin with the youngest and marry the eldest last?"

"Well, I suppose he naturally followed the line of least resistance."—Chicago Tribune.

A Modern Definition.
Teacher—What is a pedestrian?

Johnny—A person who doesn't ride a bike.—London Answers.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON IV, THIRD QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JULY 28.

Text of the Lesson, 11 Sam. x, 2-19—Memory Verses, 11, 12—Golden Text, Ps. xxvii, 1—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

8. "And the children of Ammon came out and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate." Previous to this we read that the Lord had given David rest from all his enemies; that the Lord preserved David whithersoever he went, and that David reigned over all Israel, and that David judged and justice unto all his people (chapters vii, i, viii, 6, 14, 15). The Lord having shown His loving kindness to David in promising to make unto him an everlasting kingdom, David rested upon the word of the Lord, and living in peace seeks to show kindness to all. We saw in the last lesson his kindness to Jonathan's son, and this chapter begins with a record of his kindness to Hanun, king of Ammon, but the princes of Ammon persuaded Hanun that David meant evil, and not good, so he took David's servants who had come with comfort for him and treated them shamefully. David did not take this ingratitude and humiliation as meekly as he had done some others and started Joab and the host of his mighty men out to punish Ammon. The Ammonites hired helpers and gave David battle.

9-11. "If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me, but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee." Thus said Joab, the captain of David's host, to his brother Abishai, with whom he divided the army, Joab taking the choice men to contend with the Syrians, and Abishai taking the rest to fight with the Ammonites. Joab and Abishai were sons of David's sister Zeruiah (1 Chron. ii, 16; 2 Sam. iii, 18). There were three sons, but Abishai had been slain by Abner, the captain of Saul's host.

12. "Be of good courage and let us play the men for our people and for the cities of our God, and the Lord do that which seemeth Him good." Thus Joab encouraged the hearts of his soldiers by reminding them that they stood for God and for His land and people. Compare 1 Chron. xix, 13. There is no strength like the knowledge that we are for God, standing for Him as His witnesses. He gave this encouragement to Joshua, saying, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid; neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua i, 9). Nehemiah encouraged his people with these words: "Be not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord which is great and terrible and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses" (Neh. ii, 14). With a whole hearted trust in God, reliance upon Him, surrender to Him, with a readiness to do His bidding. There must also be the heart to say, Now let Him do that which seemeth Him good. If He will, it shall be done for us, it must be well; if He will, it shall be done for us, it must be well. Whether He will health or sickness, life or death, all is well that He willeth.

13. "That God blesses is our good, and unblessed good is ill." And it is our duty to be most vigilant in prayer that we may be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be granted to Augustus Swetland or to some other suitable person."

And it is further ordered, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of mortgage, bearing date the 13th day of March, A. D. 1896, made and executed by Henry J. Peck and Ellen J. Peck, his wife, of Waverly, Van Buren County, Michigan, to John de Witt Conkling, executor of the last will and testament of Paulus den Bleyker, deceased, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, which mortgage is recorded in the office of the clerk of said county of Van Buren, state of Michigan, in book 44 of mortgages, on page 402, on which mortgage it is now due and unpaid the sum of nine hundred and sixty-four and 14/100 dollars, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the amount now due and secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

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Therefore, notice is hereby given, that on Thursday, the 28th day of July, A. D. 1896, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, (that being the place of holding the circuit court for said county of Van Buren, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, there will be a public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise the amount due to the complainant, for principal, interest and costs in the cause, of the following described parcels of land, situate in the county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, viz: Commencing at the northwest corner of section four (4) in township four (4) north of range fifteen (15) west, containing four (4) acres, more or less, and extending north to a point where the east line of the farm formerly owned by Henry Hincley would, if extended, intersect the center of said territorial road, thence north to the southeast corner of the said Henry Hincley farm, thence north and parallel with the west line of said section four (4), one hundred and twenty rods to a stake, thence north, thirty-four degrees east, fifty-six rods, thence north, twenty-five degrees and forty-four minutes west, thirty-four rods, thence south, on said Hincley's road, to the section line, thence north on the section line to the place of beginning; excepting and reserving to said complainant, for principal, interest and costs, one hundred and forty-seven (147) acres, more or less.

Dated, Paw Paw, June 19th, A. D. 1896.
ORAN W. ROWLAND,
Circuit Court Commissioner in and for Van Buren County, Michigan.
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